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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Look up a health care provider license" in the "How Do I?" section of the Department of Health website (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In May 2016 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program reinstated the chemical dependency professional credential of **Laurie Jane Rust-Ledford** (CP00004319). Her license was suspended in 2011 in connection with drug use allegations.

In May 2016 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Thomas E. Imig** (CP00004925) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Imig didn't respond to a Department of Health investigator's inquiry into allegations he didn't properly maintain client records.

In April 2016 the secretary of health denied an interim certified medical assistant credential to **Danesa Ann Knox** (IC60619982), whose registered nursing assistant license was suspended in 2009 after she didn't respond to a statement of charges alleging narcotics diversion.

Cowlitz County

In May 2016 the Massage Program withdrew a statement of charges against massage practitioner **Joanie Marie Korpi** (MA00020133).

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King County

In May 2016 the Pharmacy Commission ended conditions on the pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician credentials of **Natassha Nicole Chavis** (VB60438008, VA60527823).

In May 2016 the secretary of health ended conditions on the agency-affiliated counselor and chemical dependency professional trainee credentials of **Bruce Christopher Evans** (CG60412393, CO60590101).

In May 2016 the secretary of health ordered **Margaret Williams** to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Williams advertised massage services despite having no license.

In May 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Chunping Ni** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Ni allegedly owns businesses that advertised massage services, but has no massage practitioner license, nor did employees have licenses. Investigators allegedly found unsanitary conditions at one of the businesses.

In May 2016 the Medical Commission charged physician **Jackson L. Haverly** (MD00030718) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Haverly didn't provide an adequate response to a commission inquiry into a complaint lodged against him. Haverly allegedly taped prescriptions inside his unlocked residential mailbox for a patient to pick up.

In May 2016 the Medical Commission charged physician **James Clark** (MD00030484) with unprofessional conduct. Clark allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In May 2016 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacist **Amin Surani** (PH00059648) with unprofessional conduct. Surani allegedly filled hundreds of fraudulent prescriptions for controlled substances.

In May 2016 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacist **Thu-Thao Thi Le** (PH00048935) with unprofessional conduct. Le allegedly filled fraudulent prescriptions for controlled substances.

In May 2016 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Terry William Hake** (CP00003479) with unprofessional conduct. Hake allegedly didn't adequately respond to a Department of Health investigator's inquiry about a complaint against him.

Kitsap County

In May 2016 the secretary of health ended conditions on the medical assistant-hemodialysis technician credential of **Kristina Buenaventura Lorenzo-Angcaya** (HT60377601).

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In May 2016 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged emergency medical technician **Glen R. Rotsten** (ES00110815) with unprofessional conduct. Rotsten allegedly drove recklessly while taking a possible stroke patient for treatment, thus creating a needless risk of accident and injury, as well as delaying patient treatment.

Lewis County

In May 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Tiffany Kristina Smith**, also known as Tiffany Evans and Tiffany Evans Smith, of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Smith allegedly represented herself as a massage practitioner despite having no license.

Pierce County

In May 2016 the secretary of health ended probation for agency-affiliated counselor **Alexander Shirrell Irwin** (CG60338845).

In May 2016 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Amy J. Thaves** (RN00134256) that requires her to re-enter a substance abuse monitoring program. Thaves didn't comply with a previous substance abuse monitoring program.

In April 2016 the secretary of health denied a certified adviser credential to **Bryan David Jeffers-Atkins** (CV60284330), whose chemical dependency professional, agency-affiliated counselor and certified counselor licenses were suspended in 2015 for misconduct.

Snohomish County

In May 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted a mental health counselor credential to **Michelle Lynne Langstraat** (LH60627230), whose mental health counselor associate credential was placed on probation in 2016 in connection with boundary violations involving a client.

In May 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Haiyan Lin** that requires Lin to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Lin, who has no massage practitioner license, agreed to provide massage services, and coowns a business that advertised massage.

In April 2016 the secretary of health denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Michelle Amelia Salamanca** (CO60614515), who didn't comply with a requirement to sign a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In May 2016 the secretary of health withdrew a statement of charges against massage practitioner **Trisha Lynn Stubblefield** (MA00025227).

Spokane County

In May 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Annetta Elizabeth Theademan** (CO60546132) and ordered her to

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participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Theademan's registered counselor credential was revoked in 2006 because she didn't comply with a previous order to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2009 she was convicted of possession of a controlled substance—heroin. In 2011 she was convicted of possession of a controlled substance—methamphetamine, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, first-degree trafficking in stolen property, and first-degree possession of stolen property.

Whatcom County

In May 2016 the Home Care Aide and Medical Assistant programs charged certified home care aide and certified medical assistant **Olga Lydia Rodriguez** (HM60468726, CM60437902) with unprofessional conduct. Rodriguez allegedly hasn't complied with an order to undergo a mental examination.

Yakima County

In May 2016 the Surgical Technologist and Medical Assistant programs charged surgical technologist, medical assistant-phlebotomist and certified medical assistant **Angela Marie Broders**, also known as Angela Williams (ST60171520, PC60379751, CM60379757), with unprofessional conduct. Broders allegedly didn't abide by a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Out of State

California: In May 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Sheng Gang Sun** that requires Sun to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Sun has no massage practitioner license, but owns a business that advertised massage and has an unlicensed employee who offered to provide massage.

Oregon: In May 2016 the Nursing Commission ended probation for registered nurse **Carson R. Fowlkes** (RN00158347).

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

The <u>Department of Health website</u> (doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, <u>find us on Facebook</u> and <u>follow us on Twitter</u>.

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